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RAADGEVEND CHEMIEBUREAU RSB V.O.F. et al.

1. The applicant is hereby notified that this International Preliminary Examining Authority transmits herewith the international preliminary examination report and its annexes, if any, established on the international application.
2. A copy of the report and its annexes, if any, is being transmitted to the International Bureau for communication to all the elected Offices.
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1. This international preliminary examination report has been prepared by this International Preliminary Examining Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 36.


2. This REPORT consists of a total of 6 sheets, including this cover sheet.

- ☐ This report is also accompanied by ANNEXES, i.e. sheets of the description, claims and/or drawings which have been amended and are the basis for this report and/or sheets containing rectifications made before this Authority (see Rule 70.16 and Section 607 of the Administrative Instructions under the PCT).

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3. This report contains indications relating to the following items:

- I ☒ Basis of the report
- II ☐ Priority
- III ☐ Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- IV ☐ Lack of unity of invention
- V ☒ Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- VI ☐ Certain documents cited
- VII ☒ Certain defects in the international application
- VIII ☐ Certain observations on the international application

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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY EXAMINATION REPORT

International application No. PCT/NL98/00634

I. Basis of the report

1. This report has been drawn on the basis of (*substitute sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to the report since they do not contain amendments.*):

Description, pages:

1-16 as originally filed

Claims, No.:

1-28 as originally filed

2. The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:

- ☐ the description, pages:
☐ the claims, Nos.:
☐ the drawings, sheets:

3. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed (Rule 70.2(c)):

4. Additional observations, if necessary:

V. Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes:	Claims	1-26
	No:	Claims	27,28
Inventive step (IS)	Yes:	Claims	1-19,21-26
	No:	Claims	20,27,28
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes:	Claims	1-28
	No:	Claims	

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2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

VII. Certain defects in the international application

The following defects in the form or contents of the international application have been noted:

see separate sheet

Re Item V

1. Claims 1-19, 26

- 1.1 Document EP-A-478 067 (D1), which is considered to represent the most relevant state of the art, discloses (cf. page 2, lines 1-3) a protective coating, suitable for being removed with a removing agent comprising a strong base and a complex former (cf. page 2, lines 49-53), which protective coating comprises a pigment and a binder (cf. page 2, line 44), the binder being a polymer (cf. page 2, line 46).

The subject-matter of claim 1 differs from that known coating in that the polymer used as a binder is specified by a weight-average molecular weight of 10.000 - 100.000 and an acid value of 40 - 250.

- 1.2 The problem to be solved by the present invention may therefore be regarded as to provide a protective coating which has an adhesive strength such that it is sufficiently resistant to weather influence and that it can be easily removed at the moment when it is no longer desired.

- 1.3 The solution to this problem proposed in claim 1 is considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) for the following reasons:

Document EP-A-0 533 367 (D2) describes a protective coating for new products when transporting them or otherwise exposing them to elements as, e.g. acid rain. The coating contains a binder with an average molecular weight of 7.000 - 25.000 and an acid value of 30 - 200, but does not contain pigments for a protection from light and heat. Since a binder for a coating containing a pigment (as the coating of the invention) has to meet different requirements than a binder for a coating without pigment (as the one disclosed in D2), it is not obvious for a skilled person to use a binder with the specific average molecular weight of 10.000 - 100.000 and an acid value of 40 - 250 for providing a protective coating with the desired characteristics.

The documents further cited in the International Search Report do not disclose a protective coating comprising such a binder with an average molecular weight of

10.000 - 100.000. Therefore, a combination of either of one of those documents with D1 would not obviously lead to the subject-matter of claim 1.

- 1.4 As the claims 15, 18 and 26 concern the protective agent, which is used for forming the protective coating according to claim 1, the method for forming the protective coating according to claim 1 and a kid comprising the protective coating according to claim 1, the same argumentation applies to the subject-matter of claims 15, 18 and 26. Therefore also claims 15, 18 and 26 meet the requirements of Article 33(2) and 33(3) PCT.
- 1.5 Claims 2-14, 16-17 and 19 are dependent on the abovementioned claims and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

2. Claims 20-25

- 2.1 D1 discloses also a method for removing a protective coating, wherein the protective coating differs from that known coating in that the polymer used as a binder is specified by a weight-average molecular weight of 10.000 - 100.000 and an acid value of 40 - 250.

The subject-matter of claim 20 is therefore novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

- 2.2 The subject-matter of claim 20 cannot be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT) since it is general knowledge to use a removing agent comprising a strong base and a complex former for making a protective coating with an acid value removable, as it is evidenced in the prior art, e.g. D1, page 2, lines 49-50 or D2, page 3, line 54.
- 2.3 The subject-matter of claim 21, namely the specification of the removing agent containing 1-10% by weight of the strong base, is not disclosed in D1 or D2, which describe removing agents with a different amount of the strong base. Therefore, it is not obvious to a skilled person that a removing agent, wherein the strong base is present in an amount of 1-10%, is specifically suitable for removing the protective

coating according to claim 1. The subject-matter of claim 21 can be considered as involving an inventive step (Article 33(3) PCT).

The same argumentation applies for the subject-matter of claim 22, which therefore also can be considered as involving an inventive step.

- 2.4 Claims 23 to 25 are dependent on claim 21 or 22 and as such also meet the requirements of the PCT with respect to novelty and inventive step.

3. Claims 27 and 28

- 3.1 The simple use of a polymer having a weight-average molecular weight of 10.000 - 100.000 and an acid value of 40 - 250 as binder in a protective agent is not new over the known prior art, cf. D2, page 2, line 58 to page 3, line 1 and tables 1 and 2 (e.g. average molecular weight of 12.000 and acid value of 110).

The subject-matter of claim 27 is therefore not novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

- 3.2 D3 already discloses the use of benzyl alcohol for removing a protective agent from a transparent surface (cf. col. 29, line 15, examples 13, 14, 15, 54, 55, 56, 58, 59).

The subject-matter of claim 28 is therefore not novel (Article 33(2) PCT).

4. The requirements of Article 33(4) PCT concerning industrial applicability are fulfilled.

Re Item VII

The independent claims are not in the two-part form in accordance with Rule 6.3(b) PCT, which in the present case would be appropriate, with those features known in combination from the prior art (cf. D1, D2, D3) being placed in a preamble (Rule 6.3(b)(i) PCT) and with the remaining features being included in a characterising part (Rule 6.3(b)(ii) PCT).

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(54) Title: REMOVABLE PROTECTIVE COATING (57) Abstract The invention relates to a protective coating which is removable with a removing agent comprising a strong base, which protective coating comprises a pigment, a weak base and a binder, the binder being a polymer having a weight-average molecular weight of 10,000-100,000 and an acid value of 40-250. The invention further relates to a protective agent and a method for forming the protective coating.		

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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1. ☐ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (see Box I).
2. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box II).
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 - ☐ Transcribed by this Authority

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 - Figure No. _____ ☐ as suggested by the applicant.
 - ☐ because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.
 - ☐ because this figure better characterizes the invention.
 - ☒ None of the figures.



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X	EP0846756 A1 (Procter & Gamble) claim 1, Examples 1 and 2 and page 4 lines 18 to 22	1 at least
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